

This is an urgent plea. Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. I would like to see "We the PEOPLE" served, not the almighty dollar.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Please don't allow them this latest transgression. I know the process takes time, but there must be some way to bypass the usual procedure considering the urgency of an election only weeks away. Thank you.